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**Office Action Summary**Application No. **09/738,900**

Applicant(s)

LEE, HEUNG-BAEO

Examiner

Temesghen Ghebretinsae

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**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 April 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 3 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>2/2/04</u> . | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____  |

### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. It would be of great assistance to the Office if all incoming papers pertaining to a filed application carried the following items:

1. Application number (checked for accuracy, including series code and serial no.).
2. Group art unit number (copied from most recent Office communication).
3. Filing date.
4. Name of the examiner who prepared the most recent Office action.
5. Title of invention.
6. Confirmation number (See MPEP § 503).

### ***Information Disclosure Statement***

2. The examiner has considered the references listed in the PTO-1449 filed 2/2/04.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1 and 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the admitted prior art in view of Hiroshi (JP-6244754)

5. The prior art (fig.1) discloses a direct conversion demodulator in RF reception system comprising: a down mixer (112,114) for mixing a received RF signal and a carrier signals, and thereby converting the RF signal into baseband signals of channels I and Q.; a filter (132,134) for filtering high frequency component of the baseband signal; a differentiator (142,144) for differencing the baseband signal of the two channels output from the filter; a multiplier (152,154) for cross multiplying the baseband

signals of the two channels output from the differentiator and the baseband signal of the two channels output from the filter; an adder ( 162) for adding the baseband signal of the two channels output by the multiplier and thereby detecting data. The prior art is different from the claimed invention in that a detector for detecting a gain control level and an AGC for controlling gains (270) as claimed in claims 1 and 3 is missing or not disclosed. However, Hiroshi (JP-6244754) discloses a receiver comprising down mixer (109) for mixing a received RF signal and carrier signal; a filter (110,111) for filtering high frequency components of the baseband signal; **a detector for detecting a gain control level corresponding to the difference obtained by comparing the levels of the baseband signal of the two channels output by the filter with a predetermined level; an AGC for controlling gains of the baseband signals for each of the two channels output from the down mixer according to the gain control level detected by the detector (115,116,119,120).** Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the detector and AGC control (115,116,119,120) of Hiroshi in the system of the prior art so that the output signal of the prior art is maintained at a constant level and the data is detected correctly.

#### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

6. Claim 2 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

#### ***Response to Arguments***

7. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1 and 3 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Temesghen Ghebretinsae whose telephone number is 571-272-3017. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8 to 5. The examiner can also be reached on alternate

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jay Patel, can be reached on 571-272-2688. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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